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REF: A) MUMBAI 1986; B) MUMBAI 1719
CLASSIFIED BY: Michael S. Owen, Consul General, Mumbai, State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)
        (C) Summary: Consul General met on November 16 with Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi, the first such meeting since Modi's U.S. visa
       (U) Consul General met on November 16 with Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi at his Gandhinagar office. This was the first such meeti
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      (C) A relaxed Modi began with a glowing overview of his Government's achievements in building infrastructure and promoting economic growt
  14. (C) Consul General noted that he had in recent days received similar upbeat assessments from members of the Rajkot and Ahmedabad Chamber
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- <u>1</u>5. (C) Consul General said that while we are very pleased with our business and people to people relations with Gujarat, we remain concerned
- (C) A visibly annoyed Modi responded at some considerable length, but with three essential points: the events of 2002 were an internal Gujarati matter and the U.S. had no right to interfere; the U.S. is itself guilty of horrific human rights violations (he specified Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo, and attacks on Sikhs in the U.S. after

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- c. Muslims are demonstrably better off in Gujarat than in any other state in India, so what is everybody griping about?
- (C) Consul General responded that it is not only the U.S. that is concerned with this issue. The Indian National Human Rights Commission
- **18.** (C) Modi grumbled that the Indian National Human Rights Commission was biased and its reports wildly inaccurate. More broadly, he claimed
- (C) Consul General queried if there was in fact an active investigation of the Gujarat violence still underway. Modi was evasive and bac
- 110. (C) Consul General said we readily acknowledge the many positive accomplishments of his Government, including economic growth and educat
- (C) Modi responded that he understands human rights and religious freedom are important to the U.S. because ""you people keep raising th <u>1</u>11. (C) Other interlocutors in Gujarat also waxed enthusiastically about the tangible accomplishments of Modi's Government. Rajkot BJP MP V
- 13. (C) Rajkot Congress party leader Manoharsinh Jadeja said ""Modi's accomplishments are undeniable,"" and admitted that the Congress would

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as he was the CM in Gujarat, Congress would face a tough challenge.

- (C) Consul General met at length with longtime former Congress party MP and former Minister of Environment Yuraj Digvijay Sinhji. Asked
- 115. (C) Sinhji raised an interesting point on communal harmony in Gujarat. The fact that Modi clearly has aspirations for national leadersh
- (C) Comment: Modi is clearly not going to apologize or back down on the violence of 2002, but we think it is vital for him to hear that